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Most of the shops in Casablanca owned by Moroccans were closed on 30 March, the anniversary of the Treaty of Fez. Police and Army concentrations in that city, particularly in the medinas, were the heavist since December 1952.

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Comment. The 30th of March is annually observed by the Nationalists as "a day of mourning" for the signing of the Treaty of Fez which they consider to be a national disgrace.